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## DUMMER ACADEMY BASKETBALL TEAM



STANDING—Mr. Reagan, coach; Wilson, R. Craig, R. Thelen, manager.  
SEATED—Bell, McKenzie, Best, captain; Walker, Dawson.

## HOOPSTERS END SEASON SUCCESSFULLY

The Dummer basketball team, after getting off to a bad start, closed its season auspiciously by winning its last three games in succession. The material this year was the best in many years but bad luck encamped on their trail throughout the season and the ball refused to go in the basket as much as it should have. The team was handicapped by its size, it being the smallest team to represent Dummer in many years. This handicap was especially noticeable when they had worked the ball into the opponents' territory and found themselves unable to work clear for a shot.

The first game of the season was with Essex Aggies, who had already played eight games and so was too much for Dummer as an eyeopener. The visitors won handily by a 31-9 score. The next game was played with the Haverhill Continuation School and resulted in a defeat for the Red and White by a much smaller team. This was followed by the Milton game, played on the latter's court, and was also a defeat for Dummer. Manchester won the next game by a two point margin. Sanborn invaded the Lang gym the next week and gave the best exhibition of basketball that has been witnessed in several years and easily defeated Dummer. Woodbury High was the next team to get away with Dummer's scalp. This game was one of the biggest disappointments of the season as Dummer had hoped to win it handily. In the game with Groveland the team started its winning streak. They easily downed Groveland 39-11 and continued their winning streak against Manchester High. The final and most important game of the season was with Rivers, and the Red and White gave a fine exhibition in defeating the visitors by the close margin of 25-23.

The scoring of Best was the high light of the season and the floor work  
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### BASKETBALL SCORERS

	Pts.
Best, f	70
Walker, c	32
McKenzie, f	26
Wilson, g	22
Mollica, f	8
Bell, fg	4
Dawson, g	3
D. Craig, g	3
Eaton, c	2
R. Craig, g	1
	171
Opponents	220

## EDWARD W. EAMES NEXT DUMMER HEAD

At a meeting of the trustees of Dummer Academy held in Boston last week, the election of Edward W. Eames of Buffalo, N. Y., as headmaster, to succeed Dr. Charles S. Ingham, was confirmed. Mr. Eames is a graduate of Amherst in the class of 1922 and since then has been, with the exception of one year which was spent at Harvard Graduate School, with Frank L. Boydon at Deerfield Academy; and is now Senior Master at that school. Mr. Eames will come to South Byfield at the close of the present school year and will be ready to take over his new duties in the fall. He will be at Dummer as much as possible before that time.

Mr. Eames has taught History and English at Deerfield, coached hockey, and taken a great deal of interest in musical clubs. It may be noted that the Deerfield Academy Glee Club won its second successive national contest recently. He is married and has a daughter.

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## MINSTREL SHOW GREAT SUCCESS

On Saturday night, March 15, the Dummer Minstrels gave their annual performance in the Lang gymnasium before a large and appreciative audience. The Dummer talent was combined with that from Newburyport and the result was the best show in recent years.

The proceeds of the show went to help pay for the piano which is now in Sargent Hall. About fifty dollars net profit was made.

The principals in the show were as follows: Mr. Reagan, Interlocutor; John Capron, Henry Root, Kenny Bell, Charlie Chase, Carl and Bill Buechner, end men; Nason, Baldwin, Shephard, Barrett, Root and Mr. Prothero, soloists. The outside help included Robert Fogg, of Newburyport, who sang a solo; Mrs. Mary Armstrong and Joseph White, and Godfrey Torrey and Adelaide Sherrill, all of Newburyport, who were inskits, and Arthur Sleight, of Topsfield, a former student, who sang a solo. The music was un-

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## HOOPSTERS DEFEAT RIVERS IN THRILLER

In one of the greatest basketball battles ever waged in the Lang gym the Dummer quintet defeated Rivers School 25-23 in the final game of the season for the Red and White. The contest was rough throughout and the gym was in a constant uproar throughout the last two quarters as the lead changed hands every few minutes.

Rivers started with a team that was much bigger than Dummer, and were the heavy favorites to win over their smaller rivals. Dummer jumped into a 5-2 lead at the start but were unable to hold it as they lapsed into a streak of very poor basketball. On many occasions they advanced the ball into River's territory but were unable to sink it. Rivers, on the other hand capitalized its opportunities and with Foster sinking several sensational baskets, the visitors led 14-9 at the intermission.

Dummer came back in the third period and played better basketball, although Rivers held their lead, 18-15

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### EDITORIAL

We wonder how many boys in school could answer this question in the affirmative: "Are you man enough, when another fellow's answer is in easy reach, to fail on an examination rather than obtain unlawful aid?" If you can, rejoice that many roads of success are open to the self-controlled and the honest. In college there are innumerable opportunities to lie and to cheat, and if you are too weak to resist when temptation comes, you are too weak for college and will soon be "kicked out" by your fellow students and disgraced for life. You may have opportunities to take advantage of your liberties in later life and until you can learn to be trusted you are unprepared to go to college, whatever your age or "units" and you are unfit for any other position you may take up outside. Here at school the opportunities to get help on an exam are limited. But if your only reason for not "cribbing" is the fear of getting caught, you will find it difficult to resist when you get to college where your chances of being caught by authorities are few.

The number of boys who have been expelled from Dummer in recent years for "cribbing" on exams has been very low. This means but little, however, for the exams are so closely supervised that no one has a good chance to get help from some one else's paper. The question of fairness in exams lies with the students. The school can do nothing for a boy who is dishonest to the extent of getting unlawful help on an exam. If you spend all your exam-

ination period in working out your own problems you will find no chance to "crib."

### PREPARING A MATH EXAM

Seated opposite each other were Mr. Farrell and Mr. Prothero, their heads together in deep thought. Mr. Farrell was the first to break the silence.

"Chester, in the last term exams I find that only one half of those taking Math flunked; something must be done about this grave situation. Have you any suggestions to make about preparing the questions for this term exam in math?"

Again the villians went into a silence which was obviously the effect of deep thought. Mr. Prothero finally broke the monotony of silence. He got up from his chair to consult a very large and worn volume, the cover of which bore the title "The Ten Thousand Hardest Problems in the World and Their Answers." Before he had hardly started his search Mr. Farrell interrupted him.

"There is absolutely no use in consulting that worthless book; I have run through it thousands of times and I find that the scholars at Dummer are far too smart; they find the problems perfectly easy."

An unearthly gleam spread across Mr. Prothero's face as an idea occurred to him. "But why couldn't we refer to the exams given for Ph. D.'s in Mathematics, surely there would be some hard ones among them."

Mr. Farrell assumed an expression of extreme disgust, "Why we would be playing right into their hands; anyone in our classes could pass them with honors. There must be some problems, however, that would be adequate for the situation."

Mr. Prothero expressed complete surrender, his resources were at an end, there could be no solution. It was impossible to arrive at any satisfactory decision. It almost looked as if they would have to let the boys pass,—but that awful thought soon passed out of Mr. Prothero's mind. Mr. Farrell began to see light, however, and a leer passed over his face as he formulated an idea.

Finally the idea crystallized and his proposition was fairly blurted out. "I understand that the investigations of European mathematicians have revealed many problems that are nearly impossible to solve. I have a book with the theories and practical problems of these gentlemen from which I will compile the most difficult exam possible." This proposition met with immediate approval, and the Professors wended their diverse ways in obvious happiness.

Mr. Farrell stayed up all night preparing the exam and the following morning Mr. Prothero joined him and they did the problems together. They then betook themselves to the answer book prepared by Einstein to enlighten themselves of the results. After determining the results Mr. Farrell made the announcement to the excited Mr. Prothero. "As I have allowed us four hours to do an examination for which

our students will be allowed two hours, and as the combined mark of both of us is twenty per cent, and then only because we spelled our own names right, I consider the mathematic examination very successful indeed."

## NEWS OF INTEREST

We hear that the Smoking Club is doomed for destruction. The present plans call for the abolition of the famous Hotel de Nic at the close of the current school year.

The Commons is to be altered during the summer. The rooms will probably be changed and possibly a few new showers will be installed which are less temperamental than the present ones.

Mr. Prothero has accepted a position on the faculty of the Beaver Country Day School for next year.

The recent death of Dr. Stevens of Cambridge removed one of Dummer's oldest and best known graduates.

### HOOPSTERS END SEASON WITH THREE WINS

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of Walker and Wilson was also gratifying to Coach Reagan. Of the seven letter men on the team, only two are expecting to return, Dawson and Ralph Craig. But with such members of the Junior team as Fernandez, Mollica, Randall, Baldwin, and Buechner coming up, the basketball teams in the future should be more successful.

The season's record is as follows:

Dummer 9	Essex Aggies 31
Dummer 14	Haverhill 20
Dummer 9	Milton 28
Dummer 19	Manchester 21
Dummer 10	Sanborn 38
Dummer 18	Woodbury 24
Dummer 39	Groveland 11
Dummer 28	Manchester 24
Dummer 25	Rivers 23
171	220

### EIGHT AWARDED HOCKEY LETTERS

Coach Farrell awarded hockey letters to eight members of this year's successful sextet in chapel recently. This is the smallest number to receive letters in several years.

The boys who were so honored were: Captain Dick Hosmer, Edgar Best, Bunny Wilson, Sam Eaton, Mort Rae, Stuart McKenzie, Fred Robinson, Manager George Clapp.

Voice over phone: Who is this? Mr. Skerrye: How do I know? This is a telephone not a telescope.

Mr. Benedict, a friend of Mr. Eames, from Harvard, and interested in his work, visited school today.

## ALUMNI NOTES

1930

Everett Montague visited school the past week-end.

1929

McClellan dropped in on us recently. Bill Page and Tom Walker came up for the Minstrel Show.

1928

Mike Gove visited school recently. Bill Hart was operated on for appendicitis recently. He is recuperating in a Peabody hospital.

### MINSTREL SHOW A SUCCESS

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der the direction of Mr. Porrell. After the show the floor was cleared and dancing was held with Ted Wright furnishing the music. The show goes on the road for its next performance when it appears in the Byfield Town Hall on April 19.

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## JUNIORS NOSE OUT HAVERHILL 12—11

On Saturday evening, March 8, the Juniors added another game to their winning streak by defeating the Haverhill Universalist "Wildcats" in a last minute rally by a 12—11 count. The visitors led throughout the game and victory seemed certain for them when Baldwin and Buechner finally combined and scored three last minute baskets to give Dummer its winning margin. There was a large crowd in attendance and the closeness and excitement of the game kept the crowd on its feet throughout.

The first period was rather poorly played by both teams. The Haverhill passing attack was working much better than Dummer's but they had difficulty in locating the basket. Too much individual work and poor passing spoiled Dummer's chances of scoring and at half time the visitors led 4—2.

Early in the second period the visitors added to their total and kept their lead right up to the final minutes when the Dummer passing attack suddenly started and the final whistle blew with Dummer leading by one point. Baldwin and Buechner were the sharp shooters for Dummer while the floor work of Fernandez and Randall was noticeable.

It was the Juniors' second victory over the Haverhill team this year.

The summary:

Dummer			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Mollica, lf . . . . .	0	2	2
Baldwin, c . . . . .	0	0	4
Randall, rf . . . . .	1	0	2
Nason, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
Fernandez, rg . . . . .	1	0	2
Adams, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
Buechner, lf . . . . .	1	0	2
	5	2	12

Haverhill			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Ayers, rf . . . . .	2	1	3
Stackpole, lf . . . . .	1	0	2
Ordway, c . . . . .	1	0	2
Cann, rf . . . . .	1	0	2
McGinnes, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
	5	1	11

Referee, Best. Timer, Barrett. Time, four 8 minute periods.

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at the end of the period.

The final quarter was played in an uproar. The lead kept changing hands throughout the period, with Best and Wilson scoring for Dummer on long shots and the Rivers scores coming from close up shots which the Rivers giants had little trouble in sinking if once they got in position. With two minutes to play and the score tied at 21—all Wilson and Captain Best again put Dummer out in front with long shots. Rivers was able to get but one of these baskets back and the final whistle blew with Dummer leading 25—23.

Captains Best and Foster were the leading scorers in the fray while Wilson, Walker, and Maley gave them excellent support. This was the third straight victory for the Red and White and enabled them to complete their season with three victories and six defeats.

The summary:

Dummer			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Best, rf . . . . .	5	1	11
McKenzie, lf . . . . .	1	0	2
Walker, c . . . . .	2	0	4
Wilson, rg . . . . .	4	0	8
Dawson, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
	12	1	25

Rivers			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Foster, rf . . . . .	6	0	12
Hopkins, lf . . . . .	1	1	3
Maley, c . . . . .	3	1	7
Niles, rg . . . . .	0	1	1
Spencer, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
Potter, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
Murphy, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
	10	3	23

Referee, Follansbee. Timer, Farrell. Time, four 8 minute periods.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 19, a demonstration of a talking movie was given in the gym. The demonstration was given to show how talkies may be used with a small machine. A two reel movie was shown with this apparatus. This demonstration is being given in schools throughout the state.

Robinson: Why—a—we're—a—having a dance at our house—and a—  
She (breathlessly): Yes?

Robinson: And I wonder if I could borrow your waxer to wax our floors.

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## JUNIORS DEFEAT CURRIER IN FINAL

On Tuesday, March 11, the Juniors closed their basketball season by defeating Currier School 27—15. This game was the seventh straight victory for the Juniors, who have yet to be defeated this year, as the Junior football team also went through their season undefeated. Both teams are coached by Mr. Reagan, whose methods of coaching certainly give satisfactory results.

Currier proved no match for Dummer who took the lead at the opening whistle and kept it until the end. The score at half time was 9—3.

The second half was all Dummer's. Currier was unable to keep the ball out of their territory as the Dummer forwards played a clever passing game and kept shooting at the basket. Mollica was the outstanding player on the floor, scoring sixteen points and playing a sound defensive game as well. Baldwin also played well for Dummer, while Currer starred for the losers.

The summary:

Dummer			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Randall, lf . . . . .	1	0	2
Fernandez, lg. . . . .	0	0	0
Baldwin, c . . . . .	2	1	5
Sullivan, c . . . . .	0	0	0
Nason, rg . . . . .	0	0	0
Mollica, rf . . . . .	7	2	16
Hessian, rg . . . . .	0	0	0
Buechner, rf . . . . .	1	0	2
Adams, rg . . . . .	0	0	0
Emery, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
	11	3	*27

Currier			
	Gls.	Fls.	Pts.
Hawkes, rf . . . . .	1	0	2
Clouch, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
Currer, c . . . . .	5	2	12
Frost, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
Carabino, rg . . . . .	0	1	1
Hopkinson, lg . . . . .	0	0	0
Richardson, lf . . . . .	0	0	0
Finnegan, c . . . . .	0	0	0
	6	3	15

\*One basket scored by Currier for Dummer.

Referee, Best. Timer, Feldman.  
Time four 6 minute periods.

## EDWARD W. EAMES NEXT DUMMER HEAD

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Mr. Eames has a definite plan for the expansion of the school, and twenty thousand dollars will be spent for improvements this summer. At least one new building will be built in the immediate future, the date being contingent on the campaign for funds which will start immediately.

Dr. and Mrs. Ingham, after spending the summer in Maine, will sail in October for an extended stay abroad.

The new flagpole, which was given by Rev. Glenn Tilley morse in memory of Dummer boys who served in the World War, was dedicated recently with the raising of the new flag and short exercises.

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## DUM-DUM CORNER

The history class was recently interviewed and gave our statements as follows:

M—y still maintains that in order to acquire a good running knowledge of History one must dodge books and rely upon the open door to escape too close a contact.

M—a states that History is a place where dates are made but not kept.

B—n, when interviewed, stated that absent treatment was the only safe and sane method to prolong life for future historical research.

B—tt realizing his instructor's antipathy for "Reds", made the mild assertion that his mental covering at times, like the matador's cape, provoked the instructor to violent outbursts that would shame even the most rabid soviet.

H—ns admitted that he treated the subject from a mute stand-point. This, he added, prevented upheavals in the continuity of present day events.

It has been decided not to quote the instructor.

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The Nash Incorporated have given up "Movie Tone" and have gone in for the "Silent Drama."

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The one word which the Junior Latin class has learned is EXIT.

\* \* \*

He—What sort of a part has Walker in the play.

Ditto—An emotional one, at least for him. He has to refuse a drink in the 3rd act.

\* \* \*

She—I live over there where the little boy is standing. Drop around tomorrow.

He—Aw, but, I say, if the little chap isn't there tomorrow, how the deuse will I ever know where to find you.

\* \* \*

Optimist—Every cloud has a silver lining for someone.

Pessimist—That may be so but the silver stays there.

\* \* \*

A scene from the minstrel:

1st Prompter: I don't know.

2nd ditto: I don't know!

3rd repeater: I don't know! I

Root: Well, I don't know either.

\* \* \*

Effie: Good night Stall Don't you know every time you take a drink you shorten your life a week.

Malcolm: Good Lord! I've been dead 10 years.

\* \* \*

Archon's philosophy (plagiarized): Help raise the devil while you live, for you will meet him soon after you die and those acquainted with him will get the best shovels.

\* \* \*

Dr. Ingham: Son, what is the first thing to do when studying your lesson.

Moody: Look at the page number.

Doc: What has that to do with studying.

Moody: I want to make sure it's the right lesson.